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1. On 7 July 1955, the following column left the Barbara Kaserne (8384) in Naumburg toward Jena: 14 trucks occupied by soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, 4 trucks carrying telephone poles, 2 trucks towing field kitchens, 2 sedans, 1 bus, 6 telephone-construction and radio trucks and a total of approximately 200 soldiers. On 11 July, the column had not yet returned. On this day, the installation was believed to be occupied by an estimated 100 soldiers. No training was observed.<sup>1</sup>
2. At about 0700 on 7 July, 14 x 76-mm field guns, some 20 trucks and other motor vehicles were entrained at the Naumburg main railroad station. The escorting personnel wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The unit had arrived from the direction of Weissenfels. It was rumored that additional shipments had been entrained during the night of 6/7 July.<sup>2</sup>
3. At 1700 on 7 July, the following shipment was loaded onto 10 boxcars and 30 flatcars at the Weimar freight station: 6 radio trucks with generator, 1 tank truck 4 buses, approximately 15 trucks and carrying poles and cable reels, 1 field kitchen, and 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns and light machine guns. The train was headed toward Erfurt.<sup>3</sup>
4. At about 0510 on 8 July, a train of 8 boxcars, 27 flatcars and 3 heavy-duty flatcars left the Weimar freight station toward Weissenfels. The train carried 8 boxcarloads of soldiers wearing blue-bordered black epaulets and 14 officers, 27 trucks and 8 trucks towing field kitchens.
5. Between 21 and 26 June, normal training was observed in the kaserne on Thomsbrueckerstrasse (8231) in Langensalza. The number of soldiers on leave seen in the town was also normal. The soldiers wore red-bordered

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black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 27 June, unusually little activity was observed at the post. At about 1830, some 30 trucks towing 12 x 122-mm field howitzers left the installation toward Gotha. The trucks were occupied to capacity by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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1.  Comment. The Barbara Kaserne is believed to be occupied by the 27th Gds Sig Bn of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, elements of which presumably participated in a signal exercise of the army.
2.  Comment. The entrained unit cannot be identified.
3.  Comment. These shipments probably involved signal units of the army, which participated in a signal exercise. Similar movements were also observed with the Fourth Gds Mecz Army.
4.  Comment. Langensalza is believed to be occupied by the 128th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, elements of which presumably transferred to the Kindel training grounds. The observed field howitzers confirm the howitzer battalion of the regiment.

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